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December 28 2008 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes – Final December 17, 2008

Present: Sheri Baron, Marissa Briggett, Christine Carney, Vice Chair Vita Cohen, Stacy Davison, Christine Deshler, Chair Nick Minton, Judson Pierce, Nancy Rhoads, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent: Marlene Schultz, Jorge Loayza

Open Forum – No guests this evening.

Review of November Minutes – Commissioner Shea made a motion to accept the November Minutes - motion seconded by Commissioner Carney – one abstention.

Race and Place Dialogue Series Update – The series is completed. The committee was pleased with attendance. Planning Committee met to discuss where the program should go from this point. Commissioner Davison distributed action list to HRC members for review. There was discussion regarding minorities, lending officers, real estate brokers, public housing, Metco, results of past meetings and future actions. Chair Minton thanked Commissioners Carney and Davison for working on the series and suggested that all commissioners read over the literature and plan time to focus on these issues at our next meeting.

Networks and Coalitions –

ACT– there was no meeting in December but Commissioners Baron, Cohen and Schultz worked on goal changes. Vice Chair Cohen expressed concern for the future of Common Threads but they are hopeful that the New Year will bring more positive actions.

MAHRC – no meeting this month

Chair Minton asked for feedback from the MCAD regarding their meeting with us in November and as no contact has been made maybe they should not look for local outreach at this time.

Incidents and Complaints –

No formal complaints have been reported to us this month but commissioners discussed various school matters of concern.

Subcommittee Reports –

Dialogues –

Bullying Dialogue – Commissioner Rhoads reported how pleased she was that the December 3rd Dialogue on Bullying was so well attended. There was discussion of how the subject is handled by the various schools and the positive results of the Open Circle in the grammar schools. Chair Minton suggested more P/R on these events to the Advocate.

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Disabilities Dialogue – Commissioner Schultz has been in touch with the speaker and is finalizing plans for the March 4th dialogue

Schools – reported under bullying - above.

Policies and Procedures – no report

Rapid Response/Publicity – no report

Other Business –

MLK Annual Event – request for \$50 donation has been approved.

An invitation has been received for the AHRC to be part of the **NAACP 100th Anniversary**. There will be a walk “100 years–100 Miles” – from Scarborough, Maine to Boston Common, April 18-25. Chair Minton will call for more information.

Budget/Annual Report – Commissioner Shea reminded us that it is time to present budget to the Finance Committee and to prepare the Annual Report. The sub-committee for the budget presentation will be commissioners Baron, Carney and Shea. Commissioner Shea will review the 2007 Annual Report.

APD Crash Report tabled until January.

Chair Minton thanked Commissioner Deshler for her many years of dedicated service to the AHRC and on behalf of all the commissioners – wished her good luck in all her future endeavors. Thank you, Christine. You will be missed.

Commissioner Carney moved to adjourn. Commissioner Baron seconded. The meeting was concluded.

*Submitted by:
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